



Massachusetts State Agriculture Overview - 2004

Farms

Number of Farms	6,100
Land in Farms (acres)	520,000
Average Farm Size (acres)	85

Livestock Inventory

Cattle and Calves - All (Jan. 1, 2005)	48,000
Hogs & Pigs - All (Dec. 1, 2004)	12,000

Milk

Milk Cows (Average head)	17,000
Milk Production per Cow (lbs)	17,412
Production (lbs)	296,000,000

Crops - Planted, Harvested, Yield, Production, Price(MYA), Value of Production

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Planted All Purpose Acres</i>	<i>Harvested Acres</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Production</i>	<i>Price per Unit</i>	<i>Value of Production Dollars</i>
Hay All (Dry)		88,000	2.1 tons	181,000 tons	151.00 dols / ton	27,273,000
Hay Other (Dry)		75,000	2.0 tons	150,000 tons	144.00 dols / ton	21,600,000
Tobacco Cigar Binder Conn Valley Broadleaf (Type 51)		920	1,600.0 lbs	1,472,000 lbs	5.40 dols / lb	7,949,000
Tobacco All (All Classes)		1,220	1,598.0 lbs	1,949,000 lbs	5.40 dols / lb	7,949,000
Hay Alfalfa (Dry)		13,000	2.4 tons	31,000 tons	183.00 dols / ton	5,673,000
Potatoes Fall	2,600	2,500	320.0 cwt	800,000 cwt	6.60 dols / cwt	5,280,000
Potatoes All	2,600	2,500	320.0 cwt	800,000 cwt	6.60 dols / cwt	5,280,000
Corn For Grain	20,000					
Corn For Silage		17,000	22.0 tons	374,000 tons		
Maple Syrup			0.2 gals	50,000 gals		
Tobacco Cigar Wrapper Conn Valley Shade-Grown (Type 61)		300	1,590.0 lbs	477,000 lbs		
Alfalfa & Alfalfa Mixtures - New Seedings	1,000					
Field & Misc Crops	112,000					

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United States Department of Agriculture, Massachusetts Agricultural Statistics Service

Massachusetts - Ranked items within U.S. 2002

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	384,314	47	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	277,069	40	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	107,244	45	50
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,358	47	50
Tobacco	15,355	11	23
Cotton and cottonseed			17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	38,289	33	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	55,508	16	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	153,540	26	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	1,800	27	50
Other crops and hay	11,220	45	50
Poultry and eggs	12,107	43	50
Cattle and calves	9,612	44	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows			50
Hogs and pigs			50
Sheep, goats, and their products	1,127	40	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	3,879	40	50
Aquaculture	9,481	22	50
Other animals and other animal products	19,589	17	50
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Layers 20 weeks old and older	319,358	43	50
Cattle and calves	50,791	45	50
Turkeys	18,623	28	50
Pheasants	17,301	24	50
Quail ³			50
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)			
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	93,745	44	50
Corn for silage	17,365	38	49
All Berries	15,976	7	50
All Vegetables harvested	14,757	29	50
Sweet corn	5,680	19	50

Other Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:		Farms by value of sales	
Farming	3,283	Less than \$1,000	1,727
Other	2,792	\$1,000 to \$2,499	865
		\$2,500 to \$4,999	647
Principal operators by sex:		\$5,000 to \$9,999	623
Male	4,770	\$10,000 to \$19,999	555
Female	1,305	\$20,000 to \$24,999	160
		\$25,000 to \$39,999	279
Average age of principal operator (years)	55	\$40,000 to \$49,999	143
		\$50,000 to \$99,999	385
All operators ² by race:		\$100,000 to \$249,999	380
White	9,402	\$250,000 to \$499,999	176
Black or African American	36	\$500,000 or more	135
American Indian or Alaska Native	26		
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	364,833
Asian	33	Average per farm (\$)	60,035
More than one race	31		
		Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	64,610
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	189	Average per farm (\$)	10,632

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank